

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

NONWOVEN FABRIC-LAMINATE, AND AN AUTOMOTIVE INTERNAL TRIM PANEL

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached specification for that originally filed.

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows

(see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to § 1.121):

Replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 3-17, with the following paragraph:

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An area density of the entanglement-based nonwoven fabric, such as the merely-entangled nonwoven fabric or the fused-entangled nonwoven fabric, for the rigid layer is preferably about 40 to 400 g/m<sup>2</sup>, more preferably about 50 to 300 g/m<sup>2</sup>, to ensure the required rigidity and weight-lightening. A thickness of the rigid layer may be about 0.3 to 3 mm, but is preferably about 0.5 to 2 mm, more preferably about 0.6 to 2 mm, most preferably about 0.8 to 2 mm. When the thickness of the rigid layer is 0.8 mm or more, nonwoven fabrics-laminate having an excellent rigidity may be produced. The constituent fibers of the entanglement-based nonwoven fabric, such as the merely-entangled nonwoven fabric or the fused-entangled nonwoven fabric, for the rigid layer are preferably short fibers

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having a length of about 20 to 160 mm, as these have a high degree of freedom, and thus show an excellent formability.

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Replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 15-23, with the following paragraph:

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An area density of the bulky layer of the bulky nonwoven fabric is preferably about 50 to 1000 g/m<sup>2</sup>, more preferably about 100 to 900 g/m<sup>2</sup>, to ensure the required form stability and weight-lightening. A thickness of the bulky layer may be about 2 to 50 mm, but is preferably about 3 to 30 mm. The constituent fibers of the bulky nonwoven fabric for the bulky layer are preferably short fibers having a length of about 20 to 160 mm, because they have a high degree of freedom, and thus an excellent formability.

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Replace the paragraph at page 20, lines 21-28, with the following paragraph:

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An area density of the surface nonwoven fabric, i.e., the surface layer, is preferably about 30 to 300 g/m<sup>2</sup>, more preferably about 50 to 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, and a thickness thereof is preferably about 0.5 to 10 mm, more preferably about 1 to 5 mm. The constituent fibers of the surface nonwoven fabric, i.e., the surface layer, are preferably short fibers having a length of about 20 to 160 mm, as they have a high degree of freedom and thus an excellent formability.

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